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Arrests and Interrogation

1. Persons suspected of having belonged to former independence organizations are being arrested in Rzeszow, Warsaw, Bialystok, Poznan, and Szczecin. In the Tarnow and Cieszkow districts the "unmasked" /presumably members of the Underground who identified themselves after the amnesty offer/ are being arrested. The number of arrests is not large at present, but they probably will be increased simultaneously in all sections of Poland after information now being gathered is checked.
2. Security police made a greater number of arrests in Przeworsk, Rzeszow city and neighboring districts, Jaroslaw, Kolbuszowa, and Brzozow in July and August. Those arrested were mostly members of the PSL or the former AK, or were among the "unmasked." They were questioned closely on local activities of active members and partisans of the former AK and NSZ. Some were released after questioning.

MVD and UB Headquarters

3. Bydgoszcz has become headquarters of the MVD and UB, with a training center for MVD, UB, and UEP agents. KBW units from Pomerania have replaced military detachments in the city. In a sense Bydgoszcz has been isolated from Poland; every newcomer is followed and the prisons are overflowing. Residents who co-operated with the Nazis in the first part of the German occupation are now serving the MVD.
4. Former Gestapo informers are now working with the MVD and UB, receiving in return special protection in Bydgoszcz and other parts of the country. For example, in Tarnow the UEP released a man named Malec, who formerly was a very dangerous Gestapo agent. Many former Gestapo agents have become Communists.

Other Security Steps

5. Employees of the UB since 1 Sep 47 have been assigned as special personal clerks to all departments and institutions under the Ministries of Agriculture,

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Supply, administration, and education. Chief duty of these new clerks, all of whom took personnel and administration training at Lodz, will be to help liquidate "reactionary elements" which are allegedly acting against the welfare of the people's republic.

6. Preparations are being made to confiscate radio sets. If this is done, those most affected will be persons who are politically uncertain or who are not officially members of any party.
7. New identity cards will be issued in Jan 48. They will permit the Ministry of the Interior and Security police to exercise greater control over individuals.
8. The OdkO will soon be expanded under a joint PPR-PPS resolution. OdkO is now acting under PPR orders and compiling registration lists, with special attention to party affiliations.
9. MKU (Regional Recruiting Command) centers since May 47 have sent lists of prospective recruits to police stations and MO posts. Police usually call for the recruits at night, keep them at police stations until morning, and then deliver them to MKU medical boards for physical examinations. This recruiting procedure has been used in the Provinces of Gdansk, Kielce, Lodz, Warsaw, Olsztyn, Lublin, and Bydgoszcz.

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